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First-Class Package Service (FCPS) Service Standard Changes, 2021 Docket No. N2021-2

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ON MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE

(Issued July 28, 2021)

On July 20, 2021, American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO (APWU) submitted interrogatories seeking responses from Postal Service witness Stephen B. Hagenstein.¹ On July 27, 2021, the Postal Service responded to all but one question posed in the APWU interrogatories by the established deadline.² On July 28, 2021, the Postal Service responded to the outstanding question.³ Concurrent with its July 28 Response, the Postal Service filed a motion for late acceptance, stating that "[t]he need for coordination among multiple offices and necessary cross-functional consultations" prevented a timely response.⁴ It maintains that no party is likely to be prejudiced by the

¹ American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO Interrogatories to Stephen B. Hagenstein (APWU/USPS-T-1/1-16), July 20, 2021 (APWU Interrogatories).

² Responses of United States Postal Service Witness Hagenstein to Intervenor American Postal Workers Union, AFL/CIO's Interrogatories 1-3, 5-13 and 16, July 27, 2021; Response of United States Postal Service Witness Foti to APWU/USPS-T1-14 and 15, Redirected from Witness Hagenstein, July 27, 2021.

³ Response of United States Postal Service Witness Hagenstein to Intervenor American Postal Workers Union, AFL/CIO's Interrogatory APWU/USPS-T1-4, July 28, 2021 (July 28 Response).

⁴ Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of the Response to APWU/USPS-T1-4, July 28, 2021, at 1 (Motion for Late Acceptance).

1-day delay. Motion for Late Acceptance at 1. The Motion for Late Acceptance is granted.

RULING

The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of the Response to APWU/USPS-T1-4, filed July 28, 2021, is granted.

Ann C. Fisher Presiding Officer